

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Theresa “Teri” Summers upon being named Building Level Teacher of the Year at Rossview Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee’s students; and

WHEREAS, Theresa “Teri” Summers is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Teri Summers has been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Rossview Middle School; this honor is most befitting her outstanding tenure as teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, conferred by her peers, honors and recognizes Ms. Summers for her many valuable contributions to her students, her school, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, a 1983 graduate of Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, Teri Summers also completed graduate studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Summers currently teaches eighth-grade Science and Physical Science; she has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity during her three years at Rossview and throughout her twenty-two years in the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, she sets an excellent example for her students, as she is very involved in the school system beyond just her teaching duties; she is a volunteer set designer and assistant director for the Rossview Middle Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator, Teri Summers has been offering free after-school tutoring for ten years, and since 2004, has offered free tutoring for selected neighborhood students during the weekends and the summers; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, she created a 100-page math reference handbook for parents and students, which is currently being used in several tutoring and after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, she participated in the Clarksville Community Volunteer Storm Crew, which aided in the cleanup following a 1999 tornado; and

WHEREAS, she also previously served as a sponsor/advisor, in conjunction with the Adventure Science Museum of Birmingham, for an after-school science club targeting inner-city Birmingham students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Summers has sponsored a Beta Club campaign to collect and send school supplies to students in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Teri Summers has been on the receiving end of a number of awards and recognitions honoring her achievements, including the CMCEA Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award and the CMCEA Green Apple Teacher Award; she was also twice nominated for the Disney Award, and she was selected for Space Camp for Teachers through the Birmingham Catholic Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Summers also lends her time and talents to a variety of committees and advisory boards, including the Leadership Team and the CMCSS Science Curriculum Teacher Committee; she has served as a teacher mentor since 2005, and as a presenter at the Austin Peay State University Science Fair Symposium since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Teri Summers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Summers truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Teri Summers epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Theresa "Teri" Summers upon being named Building Level Teacher of the Year by her peers at Rossvie Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.